

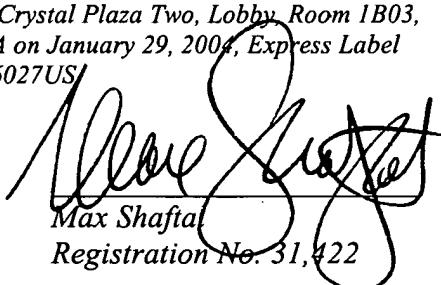
BUNDLED CABLES AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

Abstract

5 Bundled cables and a method for maintaining a plurality of cables together during use and installation and for allowing the cables to be easily separated for termination or connectorization. The bundled cables include a plurality of cables and a central flexible strip coated with a thermoplastic heat-sealable resin for semi-permanently bundling the cables. In operation, the strip is heated to activate the heat-sealable resin. The cables are
10 then placed in contact with the strip to bind to the strip as the heat-sealable resin cools. The bond created by the heat-sealable resin is strong enough to hold the cables together during installation and use but allows the cables to be easily separated in whole or in part from the bundle.

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